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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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In re the Application of

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING ELECTROSTATIC PROTECTION CIRCUIT  
AND METHOD OF FABRICATING THE SAME

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 5, lines 22-27 and Page 6, lines 1-14 delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

According to one aspect of the present invention, there is provided a semiconductor device comprising:

a semiconductor substrate;

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a MOS transistor which is formed on the semiconductor substrate and includes a first diffusion region;

a first isolation region which isolates the MOS transistor from other MOS transistors on the semiconductor substrate;

a second isolation region formed between the MOS transistor and the first isolation region;